

The President's Daily Brief

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1. South Vietnam

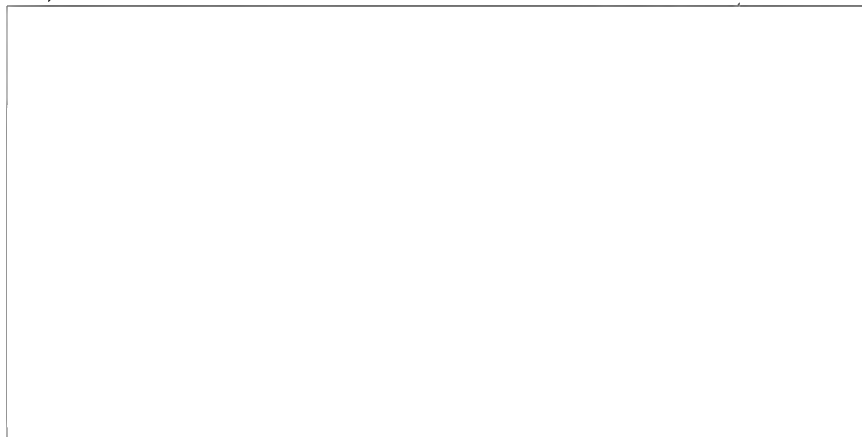
There are several reports that the Viet Cong are planning a combined mortar and rocket attack against US installations at Da Nang for the middle of the month. Rocket launchers and what may have been rocket launch positions were seen recently south and east of the base.

2. Korea

Another clash on Wednesday in the Demilitarized Zone came after an intruding North Korean platoon encountered a South Korean security patrol. The incidents of recent weeks reflect both an increase in the number of North Korean penetrations and intensified patrolling by United Nations forces.

The North Koreans are probably out to embarrass the Pak government, which is facing elections next month, and to discourage it from sending more troops to Vietnam.

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The mammoth anti-Liu rallies continue almost daily in Peking. Signs point to continuation of this bizarre campaign for some time. Earlier this month Chou En-lai said he was postponing a trip abroad because there would be "great events" in China during the next two months.

5. Greece

Communist-inspired strikes and demonstrations are shaking the already precarious political balance. The Communists, like ex-Premier Papandreou's Center Union Party, are demanding Premier Kanellopoulos' resignation and the installation of a nonpolitical government to supervise elections.

Kanellopoulos, with strong backing from the King, is not about to give in. He may or may not go through the futile exercise of seeking a vote of confidence from parliament today. He most probably will dissolve parliament and call for new elections under his own supervision.

This tactic will surely provoke intensified demonstrations which, in turn, could provide the King with the pretext for postponing--or cancelling--elections.

6. Iran

The Shah says the high-powered Soviet economic delegation now in Iran is continually making sweeping offers "to satisfy any of Iran's needs." So far, the Soviet mission has referred publicly only to its agreement to help in the expansion of Iran's oil industry. This presumably means Soviet assistance in oil exploration in the off-shore areas of the Caspian Sea.

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7. Nicaragua

The death of ex-President Luis Somoza last night has removed an important moderating influence from the political scene. [REDACTED]

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8. Rhodesia

Ian Smith is under growing pressure from men in his own party who think he is too moderate. They want the country declared a republic as quickly as possible and they want an end to all thought of renewed talks with London.

[REDACTED] these extremists may have the strength to unseat Smith during the party congress later this month.

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9. Angola

A new and unusually effective nationalist organization is emerging in Portuguese West Africa. Called the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, it has established a more or less self-sustaining organization inside the colony, where it seems to be growing rapidly.

The new group may never be able to defeat the Portuguese militarily, but Lisbon could be right in regarding it as the greatest long-term menace to continued Portuguese rule in Angola.

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